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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Thursday, May 1, 2025

5:00 PM

Central Library

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Sabrina V. Madison; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Plumer B. Lovelace III; Jolynne M. Roorda; Elizabeth M. Pierson; Salud B. Garcia and Genevieve A. Carter

Excused: 1 - Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

The meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present. Lisa Hempstead called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

MPL staff present: Tana Elias, Krissy Wick, Mark Benno, Molly Warren, Marc Gartler, Lori Suiter, Tina Marie Maes, Holly Storck-Post, Isis Newman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

1. [88082](#) Public Comment - Madison Public Library Board, May 1, 2025

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

BOARD EXCHANGE

Lisa Hempstead congratulated the Foundation on a successful Lunch for Libraries, Salud Garcia encouraged board members to take a term on the SCLS board to gain a deeper understanding of the library systems, and Tom DeChant announced the joint-Friends book sale on June 28 at the Library Support Center.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [88079](#) Director's Report - April, 2025

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Pierson, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [88041](#) Approval of the December 2024 Financial Reports.

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [88049](#) Approval of the Capital Budget Report

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [88055](#) Approval of the March 2025 Financial Reports.

A motion was made by Lovelace III, seconded by Carter, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [88080](#) Approval of the 2026 Supplemental Services Agreement

A motion was made by Lovelace III, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [88081](#) Approval of the 2026 Statutory Resource Services Agreement

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Carter, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [88131](#) Approval of the 2026 Cataloging Services Agreement

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park

2026 OPERATING BUDGET DISCUSSION

Tana Elias provided the timeline for the 2026 Operating Budget process and asked the board to consider how to prioritize allocating funds ahead of a more formal discussion in June.

DIRECTOR EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Lisa Hempstead requested input on stakeholders to be surveyed. The board agreed that on years that there was a 360 review done by the City they would only review among the board to avoid redundant surveying of stakeholders.

DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS FOR SHOWING THE FILM "THE LIBRARIANS"

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Lovelace, to direct the library to program a showing of the film and find program partners. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported that although most facility resources would be directed at the ICRP during build, some phased projects like the LED upgrade at Central would proceed. City Engineering has selected a location in Central to install a test LED lighting system.

FOUNDATION REPORT

No report given.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Gen Carter attended her first SCLS Board meeting and invited the board to the SCLS 50th anniversary party in May.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lovelace III, seconded by DeChant, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.